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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 26, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including August 26, 2002 in which to respond to the Office Action dated June 26, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a one month extension of time for a small entity.

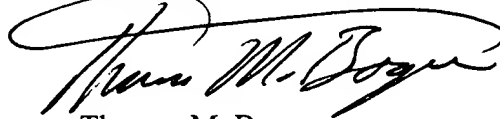
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Respectfully submitted,



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